

"MONEY BACK" IF OPERAS CHANGED.

Manager Grau Determines to Take an Unusual Course.

MANY SINGERS ARE ILL. Artists Vanquished by the Weather, and the Season Is Threatened.

New York weather is playing such havoc with the throats of Maurice Grau's artists that the Metropolitan season promises to be somewhat disappointing. Thus far the most notable sufferers have been Calve, Ternina, Dippel and Van Dyck. Illness caused the disappointment of a "Tannhauser" audience last Wednesday and a "Fenian" audience on Friday.

How bad the situation really is may be gained by Mr. Grau's statement yesterday that if the unfavorable weather continues, and if it is found necessary hereafter to change the opera or the cast on account of the illness of the principal artists, the money of patrons will be refunded on demand or the tickets exchanged. This does not apply to the subscription seat and box holders, with whom there is no understanding as to particular operas or casts.

A Rare Decision. Mr. Grau's decision to refund money to dissatisfied patrons is very unusual. It was never done before in New York. At Covent Garden, London, or at the Grand Opera, Paris, no impression would be made of making such an offer.

Mr. Grau declared yesterday that there was no truth in the report that Mme. Ternina would sail for Europe on Saturday. He also denied that he had engaged Melba and Jean de Reszke, neither of whom is available for engagement.

Mme. Ternina has consulted two or three physicians. Something is the matter with her larynx. It may be a week or a month before she can place herself at the disposal. I have engaged Mme. Gaski for several years. She will appear as Santa in "The Flying Dutchman" at the matinee on January 8. On account of the illness of Mme. Gaski, the company has been engaged for only a limited number of nights this season. After that she will be wholly at my disposal.

Starts Wagner Nights. Mme. Gaski does not take the place of Mme. Ternina. The latter's continued illness will operate seasonally against the success of the Wagner performances, which constitute nearly half of the repertoire for the season, as advertised.

Calve was unable to sing in Philadelphia last night. Mr. Grau hopes she will be well enough to sing here on Friday night. He said yesterday that she expected to do so.

Owing to climatic difficulties with which many of our artists are suffering, said Mr. Grau, "I cannot make many definite promises at present."

HACKETT IN A NEW PLAY.

"The Pride of Jennico" Meets with Favor and Applause in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—At Ford's Opera House tonight James K. Hackett appeared in the first production of a "romantic play," "The Pride of Jennico," which is an adaptation of the novel of that name and is by Abby Sage Richardson and John J. Fennell. The play was well received in a large and brilliant audience. The play is a comedy, and the cast is excellent. The play is a comedy, and the cast is excellent. The play is a comedy, and the cast is excellent.

NEW YEAR'S CHARITY BALL.

The twelfth annual charity ball of the Ladies' Fuel and Aid Society will be held in Tuxedo Garden on New Year's Eve.

The entertainment is being arranged by Hurlie and Seamon, and will include many volunteers from the city. Dancing will begin with 1000 at midnight. The proceeds go to the work of the society, which is unswerving and in cooperation with the Charity Organization Society and United Hebrew Charities.

Latest Gossip of the Stage.

Once again the five-year lease of the Metropolitan Opera House, according to the terms of the contract, is to be renewed. The lease is for five years, and the Metropolitan Opera House is to be renewed. The lease is for five years, and the Metropolitan Opera House is to be renewed.

Owing to the indisposition of Miss Gertrude Quillen, the role of Bronislava in "The Merry Widow" was sung by Miss Daisy Thomas at the American Theatre last night. Miss Thomas has made her New York debut as Laura in "The Merry Widow" last night. She scored a decided hit, in spite of her untimely entrance. Miss Quillen expects to return her last this evening.

The acrobatic act of the Halloway troupe was short at Koster & Bial's last night. The troupe was short at Koster & Bial's last night. The troupe was short at Koster & Bial's last night.

Charles B. Salisbury, the theatrical manager who has been ill at the Herald Square Hotel for some days, is reported to be better. The Herald Square Hotel is reported to be better. The Herald Square Hotel is reported to be better.

MARITIME NEWS.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

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SAIL TO-MORROW.

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| La Bretagne, Liverpool | 7:30 a. m. | 10:30 a. m. |
| Rottendam, Rotterdam | 8:30 a. m. | 11:30 a. m. |
| Cincinnati, New York | 9:30 a. m. | 12:30 p. m. |
| St. Paul, Southampton | 10:30 a. m. | 1:30 p. m. |
| Tennant, Liverpool | 11:30 a. m. | 2:30 p. m. |
| St. Paul, Southampton | 12:30 p. m. | 3:30 p. m. |
| Tennant, Liverpool | 1:30 p. m. | 4:30 p. m. |
| St. Paul, Southampton | 2:30 p. m. | 5:30 p. m. |
| Tennant, Liverpool | 3:30 p. m. | 6:30 p. m. |

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

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BOLE-TERAZA NOW ROZELAN MINISTER



Venezuela's New Minister Plenipotentiary. GENERAL N. ROLET-PÉREZ has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary of Venezuela at Washington. General Rolet-Pérez has long been a resident of this city, where he has been acting as Consul-General for Honduras.

He won his title in the Five Years' War in Venezuela, and participated in many revolutions there. He has been Minister of the Exterior and Attorney-General in the then Secretary of State, James G. Blaine, on the Guiana controversy between Venezuela and Great Britain.

He married a daughter of General Jose Gregorio Monagas, President of Venezuela from 1859 to 1864.

BEER WAR HELPED 'FRISCO TO COPY OUR AQUARIUM.

Britain's Need of Money Aided in the Recent Penic. Fish Commission's Chief Here to Study New York Methods.

Wall Street had a breathing spell yesterday. London operators were enjoying their double Christmas holiday, and the stock market there was left alone to make a fair rally and then lapse into dullness. There are many lame ducks now in and out of the Stock Exchange, and it reports be true several houses are hanging on by the ragged edge.

Some of the banks blame the trust companies. Others again blame the ineffectual character of the national monetary system. There is a good deal of uncertainty as to whether the worst has gone or is yet to come, and the cooler and wiser heads are watching the financial dial abroad with more than usual interest.

The Boer war was taken to be a bit of a scrimmage of a month's duration, perhaps. It was partly the turn from this sentiment that sent the market tumbling. The English soldier must be backed by money in practically limitless amount, and Wall Street was brought face to face with the demand at a particularly unpropitious period in its history.

The solid credit of Great Britain as a borrower was pitted against a horde of American promoters had been busy foisting upon public attention for months. There had been an enormous drain upon the money resources of this city for a long time to set up enterprises and move the crops.

Card House Easily Tumbled. The January boom was looked forward to as a grand unloading time, but in many instances it was impossible to wait and it did not require much of an effort on the part of the ever-alert bear contingent to set the whole house of cards tumbling in its fall.

A give and take policy among the American banks and moneyed men might have carried the game through without a critical crash, but when England stepped into the money markets of the world for the cash she must have without delay to save her credit, before it, and the American banker, with dozens of lions in the fire, was forced to make some startling and surprising concessions.

There are many explanations, strictly local put forth for the break in prices. It is a fact that a tug-of-war, millions of millions, the magnitude of which even Wall Street faintly appreciates, is now under way. The Standard Oil group propose to round up the gas business of this country and also put the coffee market of the world into the same position as the petroleum trade is now in, and they have apparently millions enough to carry the schemes through. Gas and electric light and power franchises are now closely being pushed by the Standard Oil group. They have several choice bits of property of this sort which the Standard Oil kings propose to get.

After Gas Stock Indirectly. The plan of campaign was to attack other properties under the same ownership, and while apparently aiming at Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Metropolitan and Federal Steel stocks to unseat and appropriate the gas concerns really coveted.

All this meant the kicking up of a tremendous hubbub in the stock market, with the incidental pocketing of a lot of gamblers' gains, to those posted in the game. There was the use of a banking institution as part of the play, and this introduced another picturesque figure in the drama. The United States Treasury came in apparently to bring an end to the fracas, but all its assistance fell to the lot of the top dog in the fight, and when Secretary Gage exchanged the ready money in the government strong box for the government bonds of the men who sit about the directors' table at the National City Bank, he is only making the strongest band of millionaires in the world almost irresistible in their money might.

It is quite true that Government money is only deposited against equal amounts of Government bonds placed in the National Treasury, but it would be very easy for the directors of the already overwhelming city Bank to place \$100,000,000 at the disposal of that institution, and with this ready cash thus secured hold absolute sway over the interest rate of this country and of the world.

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TETTER ON HANDS CURED

I had been troubled with tetters for several years. At times my hands would be so sore, so that I could not use them at all, and were so tender that clear water, even, smarted like fire, and it spread over arms, neck, and face. I was treated by physicians, but without benefit, when I began the Cuticura remedies. I found relief before I had taken the first bottle. I used three or four bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, one cake of Cuticura Soap, and one box of Cuticura Ointment, and it has never troubled me since. ELLA CURZON, March 10, 1898, Springfield, Ill.

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